IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

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GREGORY BRAY,

Plaintiff,

VS.

DR. GERALD STIPANUK, et al.,
Defendants.

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No. 04-2626-Ma/P

ORDER GRANTING THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2004 ORDER

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Plaintiff Gregory Bray, Tennessee Department of Correction prisoner number 128878, who is currently an inmate at the Northwest Correctional Complex in Tiptonville, Tennessee, filed a pro se complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on August 9, 2004 in connection with his previous confinement at the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center ("Jail"), where his booking number was 04102539. The Court issued an order on December 30, 2004 that, inter alia, dismissed certain claims and defendants, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), for failure to exhaust and directed the Clerk to issue process for, and the marshal to effect service on, the remaining defendants, Dr. Gerald Stipanuk, Medical Administrator Tony Cooper, Nursing Director Lyle Reece (who is named in the complaint as "L. Reese"), and Shelby County. On March 28, 2005, the individual defendants filed a motion for clarification of the December 30, 2004 order, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a), on the

ground that it was unclear which claims against defendant Stipanuk had been dismissed for failure to exhaust.

complaint alleges, inter alia, claims against Stipanuk for discontinuing plaintiff's potassium defendant supplements, 12/30/04 Order at 4-5, and against the three individual defendants for failing adequately to treat plaintiff's pain, id. at 5. The prior order concluded that the plaintiff had exhausted claims concerning his pain medication, as set forth in Grievance Nos. 80900 and 72208. Id. at 6-7. The order also stated that plaintiff did not exhaust his claim against defendant Stipanuk for discontinuing his potassium supplement. Id. at 8. As the individual defendants have apparently recognized, the statement on page 8 that "[t]he Court also DISMISSES the claim against defendant Stipanuk concerning the failures to test the plaintiff's blood and the discontinuation of his pain medication, without prejudice, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a)," should read "[t]he Court also DISMISSES the claim against defendant Stipanuk concerning the failures to test the plaintiff's blood and the discontinuation of his potassium supplement, without prejudice, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a)."

The Court GRANTS the individual defendants' motion for clarification of the December 30, 2004 order and VACATES the dismissal of the claim against defendant Stipanuk for discontinuation of the plaintiff's pain medication. The plaintiff's claim against defendant Stipanuk for discontinuation of his

potassium supplement is DISMISSED without prejudice, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), for failure to exhaust.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of December, 2005.

SAMUEL H. MAYS, JR.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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